

Amendments to the Specification:

On Page 1, on first line following "TITLE", please add:

This application is filed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 371 as a United States National Phase Application of International Application No. PCT/US2004/023263 filed July 19, 2004, which claims priority from US 60/488,902 filed July 21, 2003.

On page 2, line 19, please replace:

"maybe characterized by, among other properties, a decomposition temperature of"  
with

"may be characterized by, among other properties, a decomposition temperature of".

On page 4, lines 12-14, please replace:

"Figure 2a depicts the powder X-ray diffraction pattern of (2S, 4S)-1-((2R)-2-amino-3-[(4-methoxybenzyl)sulfonyl]-3-methylbutanoyl}-4-fluoropyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile hydrochloride."

with

"Figure 2a depicts the powder X-ray diffraction pattern of (2S,4S)-4-fluoro-1-[4-fluoro- $\beta$ -(4-fluorophenyl)-L-phenylalanyl]-2-pyrrolidinecarbonitrile (2S, 4S)-1 ((2R)-2-amino-3-[(4-methoxybenzyl)sulfonyl]-3-methylbutanoyl}-4-fluoropyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile hydrochloride."

On page 4, lines 15-17, please replace:

"Figure 2b depicts the powder X-ray diffraction pattern of (2S, 4S)-1-((2R)-2-amino-3-[(4-methoxybenzyl)sulfonyl]-3-methylbutanoyl}-4-fluoropyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile hydrochloride after exposure to 95% humidity."

with *Figure 2b*

*Figure 2a* depicts the powder X-ray diffraction pattern of (2S,4S)-4-fluoro-1-[4-fluoro- $\beta$ -(4-fluorophenyl)-L-phenylalanyl]-2-pyrrolidinecarbonitrile (2S, 4S)-1 ((2R)-2-amino-3-[(4-methoxybenzyl)sulfonyl]-3-methylbutanoyl}-4-fluoropyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile hydrochloride after exposure to 95% humidity."

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